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A LAST WARNING.

One week from today the voters of Virginia will be called upon to vote upon the question of holding a constitutional convention. This is the last issue of the REPUBLICAN that will reach you before that important day. We have tried earnestly and conscientiously to point out to our readers what we conceived to be important reasons for voting against the proposition to call or hold such a convention.

We have told them how unnecessary it is from a point of economy. If the State government is too expensive, and there is an honest desire among the people to reduce the expenses, the easiest, surest and cheapest method of doing so is by amendments to the constitution. The men who advocate holding a convention know that there is no need of one for the protection or advancement of the State's interests. They have another object in view. Restricted suffrage is the real motive. The disfranchisement of a large number of voters is the purpose they have in view.

Let "No Convention" be your battle cry from now until the ballot is closed next Thursday.

On the 12th inst. the New York Journal telegraphed to Gov. Charles T. O'Ferrall, asking him to suggest common grounds on which all Democrats could meet for action in the present against the Republican policies, leaving to the future the dividing issues.

The governor replied on the 13th inst., and he had this to say: "I beg to suggest as a common ground upon which the Democrats of the country can stand and present a solid front against Republicanism, fundamental Democratic principles, including opposition to protection and the fostering of monopolies and trusts. Independent, free and unlimited coinage of silver and one other Populist doctrine must be discarded."

"Populism is no more Democracy than Paganism is Christianity, a Populist is no more a Democrat than an Ethiopian is a Caucasian." * * * Every Democrat in Virginia who refused to support the Chicago ticket last fall is anxious for Democratic harmony, but there are fifty thousand, at least, who will never endorse by their votes the Chicago platform.

If Governor O'Ferrall is correct the Democrats in Virginia can harmonize only by the silver men yielding to the demands of the gold men and refusing to endorse the Chicago platform. This they are not likely to do, so the gold Democrats will have to stand off or swallow the Chicago platform.

A great diversity of opinion exists as to the true condition of the contest the Cubans are making for independence. Reports favorable to the insurgents are made at one time which are soon followed by news that the Spaniards are in control of the situation. The ability which the Cubans have exhibited in contending with so many disadvantages would lead the friends of liberty to hope that they may yet be successful in the contest.

Some of our wise Democratic contemporaries have discovered that a protective tariff is not a revenue producer. Well, some how or other when the Republican protective tariff laws were in force the government had revenue sufficient to pay all its expenses and make an immense reduction in the public debt. Under the Democratic non-protective tariff we saw exactly the opposite result.

If the Republican leaders in Virginia would use more effort to harmonize and less anxiety about controlling the patronage better results would follow, so far as party interests in the State are concerned. The rank and file of the party is not well pleased with the conduct of the leaders.

The gold Democrats in Virginia may as well prepare to eat crow or fight under their own flag. It is evidently the intention of the silver men to place themselves on the Chicago platform. If they should abandon that platform, what would they have to stand on?

What Virginia wants is an honest election law, not a constitutional convention. Instead of restricting suffrage a plain, honest election law should be framed, so that every voter may vote as his conscience and judgment direct.

The most important ballot Virginia suffragans have ever been called upon to cast is the one to be voted on the constitutional convention next Thursday. Be certain to vote against the convention.

The advance in the prices paid for wool and lambs should be very gratifying to our

farmer friends. This is one of the first good results that flow from the protection to American products.

If Mr. J. Taylor Ellyson receives the Democratic nomination for Governor what will those papers do that are now offering such serious objections to his candidacy? Take it all back we suppose.

If you vote for calling a constitutional convention, you vote to assist those whose purpose is to disfranchise a large number of the citizens of the State.

OUTLOOK IN THE WEST.

Signs of Returning Prosperity Plentiful in Some Neighborhoods.

Chicago "Inter Ocean" (Rep.).

Kansas, California and Colorado were the States that first felt the forceful sweep of panic. They are the first to revive from its dire effects. The news from all these States, but especially from Colorado, is encouraging. None of them truly can be described as riding on the crest of any wave of prosperity, but in all of them there is a discernible quickening of business and a restoration of confidence in the near approach of good times.

The output of the Cripple Creek mines for April was in excess of \$1,000,000, and for the four months ending May 1 was double that of the like period of 1895. The Leadville mines are reported as more active than at any time since the "boom days" of 1878 and 1879. The group of mines known as the "Downtown," that allied with water during last year's strike, are being pumped out and will be clear of water and ready to resume operation by September. The Gilpin County mines are shipping more ore to the smelters at Idaho Springs than ever before, and the mines of the Gunnison District are unusually active.

Passing from mining to the farming interests of Colorado, the intelligence is equally comforting. Large profits are being derived from the sale of hogs, cattle and sheep that have been fattened on alfalfa. The abundant rains and snows of the winter have insured an abundant supply of water for irrigation, and the fruit crop gives promise of unusual abundance. Wholesale dealers in Denver report an increase of 40 per cent. over the Spring sales of 1896. Six thousand names have been added to the city directory during the year, which is indicative of an increase of about 20,000 to the population. Houses and stores again are in good demand, and a considerable amount of new building is in progress.

This revival of trade and agriculture in the West sooner or later will have a beneficial effect on the business of the more Eastern centers of distribution.

THE WISE COURSE ON CUBA.

Philadelphia Press.]

The debate of Tuesday on the Cuban resolutions gives a hopeful and gratifying indication that the Senate will deal with the subject in a practical and rational way. It shows the wholesome effect of having an Administration and a Senate which have mutual confidence and which can work together.

When Mr. Cleveland was President there was no consultation and no co-operation. The Administration followed one policy and the Senate another. Neither knew or influenced what the other was doing. The Executive conducts the foreign relations of the country, but Congress, and especially the Senate, has and ought to have a potent voice in determining its foreign policy. The execution of the nation's will, however, whether declared by Congress or by the President, must devolve on the Administration, and there ought to be free conference and full understanding.

There was nothing of the kind when Mr. Cleveland was President. This was peculiarly true in dealing with the Cuban question. The result was that Congress was making declarations in one direction and the President was moving in another. Each acted independently, and not only independently oppositely. Congress expressed itself unrestrained on the side of the Cuban patriots and the President acted on the other side. The gratifying feature of the debate in the Senate on Tuesday was the evidence it furnished of a restoration of the just attitude of the President and Senate towards each other. The President's policy was freely made known to the Senate and the Senate wisely deferred to the President as the head of that branch of the Government which conducts our foreign relations.

The resolutions on Cuban belligerency ought not to be passed at this stage. It would be folly for Congress to keep on making futile declarations. It sufficiently declared its sympathy last year. There is no occasion for any further utterance until it shall be associated with the appropriate action which the situation may require or justify, and that action must be taken, if taken at all, by the Executive. Senator Foraker's judicious words summed up the true course. The President, he explained, had undertaken to possess himself of all the facts essential to guide his judgment, by sending a special commissioner to make full inquiry. While that inquiry was proceeding and before the President was ready to reach a conclusion it would be premature and unwise for the Senate to make any expression.

Senator Morrill, Senator Lodge and others concurred in this view, and the general trend of the debate indicated that it would prevail. The Senate is willing to trust the good judgment and good faith of the President, and the President in turn treats the Senate as entitled to full consideration and respect. Yesterday Senator Davis, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and Senators Foraker and Morgan, who are members of the Committee, —Mr. Morgan being the author of the pending Cuban resolutions—were at the White House in consultation with the President. This conference foreshadows a complete understanding and indicates the counsel and co-operation which ought to exist between the President and the Senate in directing our foreign policy.

A Sound Foundation for Business Prosperity.

Louisville "Courier-Journal".

As far as we can see now we are not only doing throughout the country more real business than we were two years ago, but we have cleared away a vast amount of "dead wood," which can no longer impede our progress. It can also be said

with truth that business is now being conducted on a safer basis than for perhaps ten years. Credit is still freely extended, but only to responsible buyers. The indiscriminate lending to Tom, Dick and Harry in vogue during the period of inflation has given away to a caution that is infinitely better for everybody concerned. The necessity of selling closely has added to the conservatism of business men who are not tempted to take chances by exorbitant profits. Merchants and consumers buy in small quantities, but more frequently, turning over their money rapidly and paying as they go. All useless expenditures have been lopped off, and habits of economy that are of priceless value have become firmly fixed. In short, like the French people, who rose up under the tremendous burden of the German war indemnity to become thrifter and richer than ever, Americans have profited by the panic, and now that they are getting their business back into the old broad channels are conducting their operations with a watchful oversight that will soon make them wealthier than ever. And because trade is rallying slowly is no reason for saying it is not rallying at all.

The Vice-President's Opportunity May Come.

Newark "Advertiser" (Rep.).

If the Senate drags along, purposely, for delay, while the importers are filling the warehouses with goods and destroying all the benefits of a new tariff law, a strong popular sentiment will gather head, and pressure will be brought to bear upon the Senate to give Mr. Hobart his opportunity. It will redound to the fame of the New Jersey Vice-President if he shall put an end to the obsolete usages that come under the head of "Senatorial courtesy," and make the Senate what the House is, a legislative chamber, instead of a club of debaters and obstructionists of the public interests.

Scriptures in Demand.

The eighty-first annual report of the American Bible Society was presented at the managers' annual meeting in the bible house a few days ago.

It showed that receipts for benevolent work, including gifts from auxiliaries were \$38,377, and disbursements for benevolent work were \$205,698. The total gifts of the living were \$28,898. The society was able to meet the excess by means of the large legacy left by Mrs. Mary Stuart, of New York.

Never before, with a single exception, have so many volumes of the Bible been sent in one year to foreign countries. The entire number was 101,354, and seventeenth of them went to Mexico, Central and South America. Request for new editions of the scriptures to be circulated in foreign languages are held in suspense for want of funds.

Hopeful on Bimetallism.

London, May 13.—At a meeting of the Bimetallist Parliament Committee of the House of Commons, Sir William Henry Houldsworth, a delegate to the monetary conference at Brussels in 1892, called attention to the fact that the special commissioners of the United States were on their way to France to confer with the bimetallists of that country. The chairman expressed his opinion that the prospects of an early international agreement were never more hopeful.

The committee decided to watch the international negotiations closely and hold itself ready to co-operate in them.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Ex-Senator Dawes, of Massachusetts, although 80 years of age, is delivering interesting historical lectures before the students of Dartmouth College.

Professor J. F. Rogers, of Cornell University, son of Governor Rogers, of Washington, has been asked to take the chair of physics in the university of that State.

Miss Mary M. Bartelme, of Chicago, who has been appointed public guardian by Governor Tanner, is the first one of her sex to hold the position. Her duty is to look after the estates of friendless children.

Black Hawk, the chief of the Winnebagoes, will visit the Iowa State fair this summer. The chief is now 90 years old, and has not been as strong as usual since he was stricken with paralysis some time ago.

Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt, who has acquired an international reputation as traveler, lecturer and organizer for the W. C. T. U., has visited forty-three countries and has organized one hundred and thirty temperance societies.

Mr. W. J. Connors, who has just bought the Buffalo Courier, once worked as a deck hand on the tug George Tarrant, of the Durham Towing Company, of Chicago. Captain Durham says of Mr. Connors: "He is a character all by himself. There isn't another such man to be found anywhere."

Representative Bartholdt on Monday had a very distinguished visitor, whom he showed about the Washington capitol and introduced to Speaker Reed and other prominent men. His guest was Baron von Bleichroeder, of Berlin, who, next to Baron Rothchild, is the richest man in Europe. He is also a gentleman of great erudition, and speaks six languages.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Railroad projects are numerous in Maine. Worcester bicycle factories cannot keep up with their orders.

The late ex-Governor Porter, of Indiana, left an estate worth about \$300,000.

A hard season for the strawberry beds is the complaint of New England farmers.

The Order of Railway Conductors is in session at Los Angeles, Cal., with 3,000 delegates.

Constipation

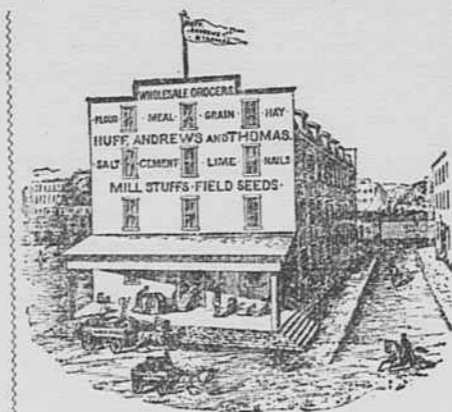
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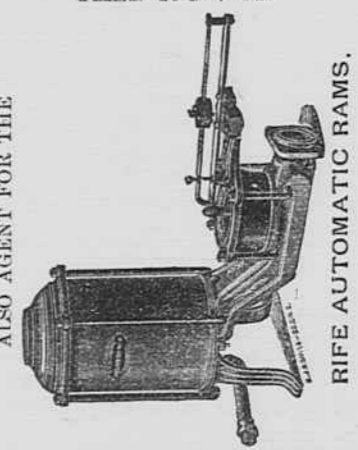
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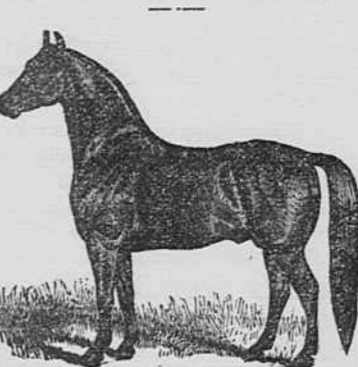


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